

Cannabis Growth and Usage Policy

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1. Background

The use of medical marijuana and the introduction of cannabis legislation for recreational purposes by the Government of Canada necessitate a policy that provides information and establishes guidelines for the restricted growth and use of cannabis and related products on and in PSHC-owned properties. The PSHC is committed to the health and safety of tenants, guests, visitors, contractors, agency representatives and employees while at PSHC buildings. The PSHC is also committed to protecting its housing assets from the potential damage caused by the growth of cannabis such as odor, high moisture/humidity content and mould.

2. Policy

- 2.1.** Smoking or vaping of cannabis as well as the growing or production of cannabis or cannabis products is not permitted in or on PSHC properties.
- 2.2.** An exemption to this policy may be considered for the medical use of cannabis after a tenant submits a *Request for Accommodation Form* and medical documentation from a qualified health professional indicating that the tenant has a disability (a diagnosis is not required), the specific needs or limitations associated with that disability, the expected duration of the disability (if applicable), and the accommodation necessary for meeting the tenant's disability-related needs. A decision to exempt a tenant from this policy will consider the medical needs of the tenant and potential alternative solutions with the PSHC's duty to accommodate under the *Ontario Human Rights Code, 1990*.

3. Definitions

Cannabis: refers to any products composed in whole or in part of cannabis (marijuana) or any extract of cannabis, including but not limited to hashish, oil products, topicals, tinctures and other applications.

Smoking: is inhaling, exhaling, breathing, burning, carrying or holding lit tobacco or any other substance, including but not limited to a cigarette, cigar, cigarillo, e-

cigarettes, vapour pipes or any similar product in any manner or in any form whose use produces smoke.

Vaping: is inhaling vapour through the mouth from an electronic device, such as an electronic cigarette, that heats up and vaporizes a liquid or solid.

4. Legislative Authority

Residential Tenancies Act, 2006

Ontario Human Rights Code, 1990

Access to Cannabis for Medical Purposes Regulations, Controlled Drugs and Substances Act, 1996

5. Other Relevant Policies

PSHC 002 Smoke-Free Policy

PSHC-004 Human Rights and Accommodation Policy

6. Attachments

Form 108a - Request for Accommodation

Form 108b - Medical Verification Form